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I talked to Jean Monnet on the telephone this morning. He is in Luxembourg. He wants to get up a paper on the merits of European unity to give to some of its opponents with whom he has been in controversy.

Joe Alsop came to see me. He is steeped in impenetrable gloom. He thinks there will be a major war in the Far East within two years. He takes a dim view of Foster's declarations at Paris, since he believes that staking everything on the EDC provides no alternative, and plays into the hands of Congressmen who will seize upon what he considers a certain rejection of EDC by the French Parliament to push through a program of hemispheric defense. He does not like Eisenhower, Dulles, or any of the business men who he says control the Government.

I recovered my spirits with E., Simone and John Brown. We lunched together at a restaurant recently opened by the owners of the Tour d'Argent on the Place des Vosges. This restaurant is small and delightful; everything about it is simple except the prices. When one gets into the sq... it is as if one were transported straight into the 17th Century.

It looks as if the offer by the Russians [redacted] last Saturday night to ho[illegible] a four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting in Berlin on January 25 would be accepted by the Allies.

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